

What is Claimed:

1. In combination, (i) a compass device including a first leg and second leg pivotably connected together wherein at least said first leg has a distal end including a pin projecting outwardly therefrom, and (ii) a protective member for said pin,
the distal end of said first leg including matching elongate slots in opposed surfaces; and
said protective member including spaced side walls joined by an orthogonal wall, said side walls including internal, oppositely projecting lug elements received in the slots in the distal end of said first leg so as to mount the protective member on said distal end and so as to enable movement of the protective member between an inoperative position at one end of the slots and an operative position at a second end of the slots wherein said protective member shields said pin.
2. A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said protective member is pivotable into said operative position about said lug elements from an intermediate position thereof at the second end of the slots.
3. A device as claimed in claim 2 wherein the distal end of the first leg further includes matched spaced grooves formed in said opposed surfaces at an upper distal portion of the distal end of the first leg adjacent to said pin, wherein said side walls include internal shoulders at one end thereof and wherein, in said operative position of the protective member, a part of said internal shoulders engages a portion of the distal end of said first leg defining said grooves and said pin is covered by said protective member.
4. A device as claimed in claim 3 wherein grooves each comprise a slant portion and a longitudinal portion and said shoulders include a step therein comprised of a substantially longitudinal portion and a substantially transverse portion.

5. A device as claimed in claim 4 wherein, in said inoperative position of said protective member, said longitudinal portion of each of said internal shoulders of said protective member engages a respective part of said distal end defining said slant portion of said grooves to assist in retaining said protective member in said inoperative position.

6. A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said protective member includes a notch in one end of said orthogonal wall in which, in use, said pin is received so as to be partially surrounded by portions of said one end defining said notch.

7. A device as claimed in claim 6 wherein said protective member further includes a slot in said one end for assisting in enabling the protective member to be mounted on, and removed from, said first leg, said slot comprising said notch, an aperture, and a slit connecting said notch to said aperture.

8. A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said protective member includes slot means therein for assisting in enabling the protective member to be mounted on, and removed from, said first leg.

9. A device as claimed in claim 8 wherein said protective member is made of a flexible plastic.

10. A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said orthogonal wall of said protective member includes at least one raised gripping portion.

11. A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said protective member comprises a flexible plastic permitting said member to be mounted on, and removed from, said first leg by inserting said lug elements into said slots, and withdrawing said lug elements from said slots, respectively.

12. A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said orthogonal wall is curved at one end thereof and includes a tail portion at an opposite end thereof extending beyond said side walls.

13. In combination, (i) a compass device including a first leg and second leg pivotably connected together wherein at least said first leg has a distal end including a pin projecting outwardly therefrom, and (ii) a protective member for said pin,

the distal end of said first leg of the compass device including matching elongate slots in opposed surfaces thereof and matching spaced grooves formed in said opposed surfaces at a upper distal portion of the distal end of the first leg adjacent to said pin; and

said protective member including spaced side walls joined at one edge by a further wall, said side walls including internal shoulders at one end thereof and further including, spaced from said internal shoulders, internal, oppositely projecting lug elements, said lug elements being received in the slots in the distal end of said first leg so as to mount the protective member on said distal end and so as to enable the protective member to move between one end of the slots wherein a proximal portion of said internal shoulders abuts a proximal portion of said grooves and said protective member is maintained in a first, inoperative position and a second end of the slots wherein said protective member is disposed in a second, intermediate position thereof at least partially covering said pin, said protective member being pivotable about said lug elements in said second, intermediate position thereof to a third, operative position wherein a part of said internal shoulders engages a portion of the distal end of said first leg defining said grooves and wherein said pin is covered by said protective member.

14. A device as claimed in claim 13 wherein grooves each comprise a slant portion and a longitudinal portion and said shoulders include a step therein comprised of a substantially longitudinal portion and a substantially transverse portion.

15. A device as claimed in claim 14 wherein, in said inoperative position of said protective member, said longitudinal portion of said internal shoulders of said protective

member engages a respective part of said distal end defining said slant portion of said grooves to assist in retaining said protective member in said inoperative position.

16. A device as claimed in claim 13 wherein said protective member includes a notch in one end of said further wall in which, in use, said pin is received so as to be partially surrounded by portions of said one end defining said notch.

17. A device as claimed in claim 16 wherein said protective member further includes a slot in said one end of said further wall for assisting in enabling the protective member to be mounted on, and removed from, said first leg, said slot comprising said notch, an aperture, and a slit connecting said notch to said aperture.

18. A device as claimed in claim 13 wherein said protective member includes slot means therein for assisting in enabling the protective member to be mounted on, and removed from, said first leg.

19. A device as claimed in claim 18 wherein said protective member is made of a flexible plastic.

20. A device as claimed in claim 13 wherein said further wall of said protective member includes at least one raised gripping portion.

21. A device as claimed in claim 13 wherein said protective member comprises a flexible plastic permitting said member to be mounted on, and removed from, said first leg by inserting said lug elements into said slots, and withdrawing said lug elements from said slots, respectively.

22. A device as claimed in claim 13 wherein said further wall is curved at one end thereof and includes a tail portion at an opposite end thereof extending beyond said side walls.